

**FAIRFAX COUNTY ATHLETIC COUNCIL
MINUTES**

December 15, 2004

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joseph E. Jozefczyk, Braddock District
Harold Leff, Hunter Mill District
Lula Bauer, Lee District
Steve Saulnier, Alternate, Lee District
Barbara R. Lowrey, Mason District
Wesley M. Viilo, Jr., Mt. Vernon District
Stephen McLaughlin, Providence District
Roger Sims, Springfield District
David Lacey, Sully District
Elizabeth T. Bradsher, Member-At-Large
Jeffrey E. Stein, Town of Clifton
Sam Althoff, Town of Vienna
Rob Hahne, Fairfax County Baseball Council
Mark Meana, Fairfax County Football Board of Commissioners
Deborah B. Honaker, Fairfax County Soccer Advisory Council
Jacqueline Y. Stephens, Fairfax County Women's Sports Programs
Tricia Johnson, Fairfax County Volleyball Council

COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES:

Brian Daly, Fairfax County Park Authority
Amy Craig, Fairfax County School Board
Patricia Franckewitz, Department of Community and Recreation Services
Karen Avvisato, Department of Community and Recreation Services
Ashlee Currie, Department of Community and Recreation Services
Chris Pulley, Department of Community and Recreation Services

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Roger Smith, Dranesville District
J. Marcelo Gangotena, Diversity-At-Large
Jerry Carter, Town of Herndon
Robert L. Panek, Fairfax County Girls' Fast Pitch Softball
Carl Coan, Fairfax County Adult Softball Council
Tom Moore, Fairfax County Youth Basketball Council
Bill Harvey, Fairfax County Lacrosse Council

GUESTS: None

Meeting Opening – The meeting was called to order at 7:37 p.m. by Stephen McLaughlin. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

Citizens to Address Council – None

Presentations to Council – None

Items Presented

Committee Report # 1: Allocation Fee

The Fee Committee discussed the criteria used to evaluate the fee. Recognizing it might be difficult to get information from the organizations, the committee intends to develop and send a questionnaire to sports organizations. Additionally, the committee obtained current registration information from key sports organizations to determine how those organizations incorporated the county fee into the organization's existing registration fee structure. Roger Sims asked if CRS would provide participation numbers to the committee. Ms. Franckewitz indicated that the information would be made available once it was compiled. Ms. Franckewitz noted that only the fall and some of the winter numbers were currently available. The committee intends to complete its analysis and prepare a report to the Board of Supervisors by February.

Information - Board of Supervisors: Patricia Franckewitz, Director CRS

Ms. Franckewitz told the Council that she had attended a joint meeting of the Board of Supervisors and the School Board in early December. Several issues had been raised including standard protocols for accessing facilities and the handling of schedule changes. Chairman Connolly had requested that FCPS staff and County staff work to:

- Revise/update the MOA for Community Use of Public School Facilities
- Determine the applicability of a central or shared computer scheduling system
- Develop standard scheduling procedures that would be followed by all personnel
- Determine the total cost of community use as part of the schools' transfer.

Information - Fairfax County School Board: None

Information - Fairfax County Park Authority: Brian Daly, FCPA

Topic # 1: Proposal of Usage Fee for New Turf Field

Mr. Daly stated that construction of the new turf field at Ellanor C. Lawrence is due to begin in early 2005. He described a fee-for-use proposal that would enable the Park Authority to rent the field during non-community use time, specifically the winter season. Mr. Meana asked if a fee would be charged to football for end-of-season games. Mr. Daly indicated that the fee would be waived until the completion of the football season. Mr. Meana also asked what the purpose of the winter fee was and would the fees be charged to both adult and youth programs. Mr. Daly said that the Park Authority would not differentiate between youth and adults.

After much discussion, the Council encouraged members to send comments regarding the turf field proposals to Debbie Honaker in time for the January meeting. Ms. Honaker will prepare a memo to the Chairman of the Park Authority Board concerning the proposed turf field fee.

Information - Community and Recreation Services: Patricia Franckewitz, Director, CRS

Topic #1: Committee Work for Protecting Athletic Fields

Ms. Franckewitz indicated that the multi-agency committee/FCAC committee met to begin review of the issues and resources needed to protect the county and community's investments in athletic fields. Specifically, the committee will review best practices for controlling and monitoring unauthorized use of fields, utilization of specific equipment or configuration of fields to minimize walk-on use, methods and resources for outreaching to organized walk-on groups, and control and monitoring of concession sales. She indicated she would provide to members a copy of the memo to the Board of Supervisors describing the structure of the committee, the topics under review, and the anticipated completion of recommendations specific to these areas.

Topic # 2: Field Applications

Ms. Franckewitz described the scope and timeline for completion of the web-based on-line athletic facility application. She indicated that the system might be available for community use beginning with the fall facility applications.

Topic #3: New Appointment

Ms. Franckewitz thanked Debbie Honaker for assisting in the selection of the new Recreation Specialist IV position. Jesse Ellis has been selected and will begin his duties on January 1.

Announcements

Sports Forum

The Sports Forum will be held on Sunday, March 13, 2005, from 2 to 6 p.m. at Marshall High School. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Adjournment – On motion, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Stephen McLaughlin
Chairman